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LB 150, 364, 882

SPEAKER WITHEM: I would ask the Clerk to clear the board and we'll ask members to please check in. Members, please check in. Members who may have strayed to other parts of the legislative arena, please return. Come back to the floor. Check in, please. We are now voting on whether debate should cease on the motion to return to Select File. Senator Hillman, it was your motion, how would you like us to proceed?

SENATOR HILLMAN: Accept call-ins.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Call-in votes have been authorized.

CLERK: Senator Schmitt voting yes. Senator Will voting yes.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: 26 ayes, 4 nays, Mr. President, to cease debate.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Debate is ceased on the motion to return. Senator Brashear, it is, I believe, your motion. Would you care to close?

SENATOR BRASHEAR: Mr. Speaker, thank you, members of the body. We've had a full exchange. I'll try and be brief. We are endeavoring to address here LB 150, LB 364 as this amendment would make it, LB 882. There...this is a product, a component part, a key component part of a very long, involved discussion that relates to a number of issues, including the construction of prisons, the management of prison population, policies with regard to minimum sentences, positive time, good time, the funding of community corrections, the totality of the issues that are presented by this legislation and prison population issue, and we stand on the verge of being able to reach what I believe, and I believe other responsible members of the body believe, is an accommodation of the competing points of view and the adoption of very good policy and implementation in a number of these areas. And we do that at a time when we've had testimony on the floor...speaking on the floor and we know it to be the fact that this issue has been before the people of the state of Nebraska and their representatives for a long time, and we're dealing with it. And we're dealing with it at a time when we are fortunate to have the economic ability to deal with it.